



## BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science

### Admissions Process

1. Complete your application via UCAS. Make sure that you include a strong personal statement, that clearly demonstrates your understanding of the paramedic profession and outlines why you would like to embark on the journey to paramedic registration. Please review our entry criteria to ensure you meet, or expect to meet, the minimum requirements for application to study with us.
2. Applications and personal statements will be screened by the admissions team and course leader. Those who meet the minimum entry criteria and submit strong personal statements will be invited to attend an interview and selection event. The interview and selection event is scored, which will be combined with your written application (meeting the entry requirements, your personal statement and your references).
3. The Interview and Selection Event:

This will ideally take place on our campus in High Wycombe or Uxbridge, giving you the opportunity to experience our facilities and meet the team in person. This may also be offered via an online platform (you will need a webcam/microphone and a stable internet connection – we use Microsoft Teams as our online meeting platform).

| Individual Interview  | Additional Tasks  |
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| <p>This will be with a member of the course team and may include others including our practice partners.</p> <p>You will be asked a follow up question based on your personal statement and some new questions to gauge your understanding of the paramedic profession, as well as consider your reasons for applying to Bucks.</p> <p>The individual interview part will last 15-20 minutes, at the end of the interview there will be time for you to ask any questions that you have about the course, the University, or the application process.</p> | <p>Alongside the individual interview, we want to give you an opportunity to highlight your aptitude for the paramedic role. The additional tasks include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A professional judgement exercise (making and communicating a decision using a given scenario).</li> <li>2. Writing and numeracy skills task, as record keeping, and medicines dosing is an important part of the role.</li> <li>3. Prioritisation exercise (timed, testing your ability to cope well under pressure and demonstrate logical/rational thinking).</li> </ol> <p><i>Further information on next page</i></p> |

4. Once the above steps are completed, the team will make conditional or unconditional offers to those who demonstrate the requirements to join the programme. Applications are considered in full – so your personal statement is just as important as your performance at interview.

Places are limited to 15 for each intake (September and February) and so please expect competition for places to be high.



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### Additional Tasks – Further Information

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| <p>Professional Judgement (Give your answer to a situation or take part in a short role play situation)</p> <p>(5-minutes)</p> | <p>Example</p> <p>You arrive on shift and notice that the person you are working with seems extremely tired, they ask if they can drive for this shift because they are exhausted. It is just the two of you on station and you notice that your colleague appears to take a drink from a hip flask.</p> <p>You have 5 minutes before you need to book on and be available for an emergency call – what will do in that 5 minutes?</p>   |
| <p>Literacy and Numeracy Test</p> <p>(10-minutes)</p>  | <p>The writing element requires you to provide a written response to one question.</p> <p>The numeracy element has a clinical focus and 10 questions to answer, for example:</p> <p>Question: A syringe contains 10mg of medicine, in 10ml of liquid. You need to give the patient 2.5mg of the medicine. What volume (in ml) should you administer to the patient?</p> <p>Answer: 2.5ml</p> <p>Reason: 10mg in 10ml of liquid is your starting point. Therefore, 1mg of medicine would be in 1ml of liquid.</p> |
| <p>Prioritisation Exercise</p> <p>(5-minutes)</p>  | <p>Example</p> <p>You are given a list of objects and a scenario; you have 5 minutes to put the list of objects in a logical order and provide a rationale (reason why) for the first 3 objects on your list.</p>  |



## BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science – Entry Criteria

The minimum entry requirements for the programme are as follows:

A typical offer will require a UCAS Tariff score between 112-136 points; or an Access to Higher Education qualification (minimum of 45 Level 3 credits, with 18 at Distinction and 27 at Merit) which must be in a science-based subject. Students without the required points (but have studied relevant subjects) may still be invited to attend the selection event.

You may find it beneficial if you have prior knowledge of health or human science, so we prefer if you have relevant A Levels - such as Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and Sociology. However, it is not essential. In addition, you will require five GCSEs including Maths, English and Science at Grade C/4 or above (or equivalent).

Applicants must be physically fit and able to undertake clinical placements, which will involve frontline ambulance duties. This includes (but is not limited to):

- lifting and carrying of equipment
- climbing flights of stairs
- moving and handling patients
- undertaking a variety of shifts, including night-work
- Attend the compulsory interview and selection event for shortlisted candidates.

Those for whom English is not their first language must achieve a minimum score of 7.0 overall or equivalent for the International English Language Test Score (IELTS), with no on element below 6.5. For further details of our international English entry requirements, please visit our international pages.

### Desirable / Recommended

Full UK driving licence; this is strongly recommended to allow students to operate a vehicle to attend practice placements. Whilst public transport is possible for some locations, this cannot be guaranteed.

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| Do applicants require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check? | Yes – Enhanced Level  |
| Health Requirements   | Applicants must pass an occupational health check before starting the course. The Department of Health requires all new Exposure Prone Procedures (EPP) workers, including students, are tested for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. The consent, test and managed process of results will be carried out by our Occupational Health Department. |